wires on the cross town railroads at the corner of Bedford avenue and North Third street. Two wire cutters were caught while at work at Ralph avenue and Monroe street. Police Sergeant Conklin, with a squad of forty men, raided Odd Fellows Hall, the headquarters of the strikers, near the Ridgewood station, during the night. Four hundred men were in the place at the time. fundred men were in the place at the time. The strikers scattered in all directions, All the saloons in the vicinity were closed by the police. At a meeting of the strikers a committee of seven was appointed to se-cure a lawyer and take the matter of raids on their headquarters into court. General McAleer, who is in command of

General McAleer, who is in command of the troops in Brooklyn, Colonel Austin, Major Cochran and several members of the Thirteenth Regiment have been subpoenaed to testify at the inquest on Thos, Kearney, the roofer who was killed on a house top in Hicks street. The inquest will be held on next Thursday.

It was reported this morning that the strikers at Maspeth last night waylaid a nonunion man who was on his way home from the stables, knocked him down, gagged him, carried him to a vacant barn, where they put a rope around his neck gagged him, carried him to a vacant barn, where they put a rope around his neck and suspended him from a beam. He was said to have been rescued before he had been strangled and conveyed in an unconscious condition to the car stables at Ridgewood. Sheriff Doht investigated the report, but was unable to find any trace of the man who is alleged to have been maitreated. The doctor who was said to have attended the man stated to a reporter that he had attended a number reporter that he had attended a number of persons who had been injured during the trouble, but had not been called to treat any one for serious injuries.

The strike on the surface roads has had the results of the the effect to increase the receipts of the Brooklyn elevated lines from \$98,109 the first twenty-one days of January, 1894, to \$128,785 the corresponding period this year. The increase the third week of the current month was 88 per cent.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon, Captain Kitzer, with his mounted man were called.

Kitzer, with his mounted men were called from Ridgewood to the locality on Myrtle avenue known as the "Rope Walk," where cars were being riddled with stones. The crowd was charged and dispersed in short order. A dozen or more cars on the Myrtle-avenue line come into the station with avenue line came into the station with shattered windows and were set aside for repairs. It was one of the most unfortunate days for the railroad companies' proporty, many cars being damaged by collisions.

The city of Brooklyn to-day presented to the Seventh Regiment four hundred pairs of Arctic overshoes. When Major Abrams, of the Second Baftalion at Ridgwood, heard of it he politely declined to accept the present for his men.

The trolley companies, notwithstanding the ample protection afforded by the police and military, were to-day unable to send more than one-third the regular number of cars over the lines. Of course, the companies are laboring under great difficulties, for scores of the men they have brought here to take places of the strikers have been persuaded to abandon their new posts, accepting re-turn tickets from District Assembly No. 75

and departing for whence they came.

The uprising that has occurred at Flushing, L. I., in connection with the strike, has resulted in the putting under orders of another company. Early this evening the resulted in the putting under orders of another company. Early this evening the Seventeenth separate company, of Flushing was ordered to the third gattling battery armory, under Captain Bell, to await further instructions. This is believed by the men to be largely a means of precautions and they are inclined that they will be ordered home in a day or two. In-that section wire cutting has prevailed to a considerable extent and throughout the day there has been a great deal of wire cutting in the city of a great deal of wire cutting in the city of Brooklyn. Early in the day the weather conditions were ideal for that occupation and it was indulged in to such an extent that a great number of arrests were made. Linemen have been secured by the companies to repair the breaks, and although the cutting of the wires corasioned much delay in the running of cars, ao serious results followed.

OBITUARY.

eign Affairs. PETERSBURG, Jan. 28.—M. De Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Nicholas Carlovitch de Giers, a Russian statesman of Swedish origin, was born May 9, 1820, (old style.) He was educated in the Imperial Lyceum, at Zarskojo Seloe, and when eighteen years old entered the Asiatic department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. August 1, 1963, he was made embassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at Teheran, where he remained until 1869. From the conclusion of the treaty of Berlin, De Giers was the chief guardian of the foreign interests of Russia. April, 1882, on the retirement of Prince Gortchakoff, he was advanced to the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs. M. De Giers was married to the Princess Kantakuzene, who was the niece of Prince Gortchakoff.

M. De Glers has for years suffered from M. De Giers has for years suffered from a sluggish liver and a consequent rheumatic affection. Last November he seemed on the point of dying and it was reported that he had resigned in consequence. He recovered, however, only partially, was able to sign the marriage contract of the present Czar and Princess All of Hesse, but he never regained his health and his illness prevented him from acquiring any influence over the present Czar. Mme. De Giers died many years ago. A son has served his country with honor as a diplomat.

Rev. Henry Liebhardt, D. D. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 26 .- A special this afternoon announced the death of an unidentified minister by falling from a train near Detroit, Mich. To-night Rev. Earl Cranston, of the Methodist Book Concern, said that the stranger had been identified as Rev. Henry Liebhardt, D. D.

The Rev. Henry Liebhardt, D. D., was assistant editor of the Christian Apologist with the late venerable Dr. Nast, from 1861 with the late venerable Dr. Nast, from 1864 till 1872. In 1872 he became editor of the Haus und Herd, a German religious magazine, which position he has held ever since. Thus he has been editorially connected with the Western Methodist Book Concern for thirty-one years. He was born in Carlsruhe, Germany, in 1832, and came to America in 1854. He has been in the Methodist ministry since 1858. He has edited several Sunday school and other church peric dicais in the German language. His periodicals in the German language. His home was in Covington, Ky., but his office was in the book concern in Cincinnati.

Maj. John Gifbert.

PALMYRA, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Maj. John Gilbert died this morning, aged ninety-three. Major Gilbert was known from one end of the United States to the other as the man who set up and corrected the proofs of the first Mormon Bible. Prominent Mormons from Utah have made trips here for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Gilbert and visiting what is called Mormon hill, where Joseph Smith alleged he dug up the golden plates from which the Bible was printed. Mr. Gilbert was, until recently, the possessor of the first Mormon Bible, disposing of it a short time ago to Hon. Pliny T. Sexon, of this place.

Alfred Yaple. CINCINNATI, Jan. 26.-Judge Alfred Yaple, one of the most noted jurists and authors of law books in Ohio, died to-day, aged sixty-five years.

Prof. Arthur Cayley. LONDON, Jan. 28.-Prof. Arthur Cayley, F. R. S., Ph. D., SC. D. D., C., L., LL. D., of the University of Cambridge, is dead.

TO-DAY'S FORECAST. Fair Weather and Westerly Winds Predicted for Indiana.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- For Indiana-Fair: westerly winds. For Ohio-Generally fair; colder in northern portion; westerly winds.

For Illinois-Fair; Warmer in southwest portion; westerly winds. aturday's Local Observations.

7 a. m. 29.56 20 82 S'west. Lt. Snow. 0.11 7 p. m. 30.03 15 68 West. Clear. 0.02 Maximum temperature, 23; minimum tem-Pollowing is a comparative statement of the temperature and precipitation Jan. 26:

Mean 19
Departure from normal 9
Excess or deficiency since Jan. 1. -57
Plus. C. F. R. WAPPENHANS,
Local Forecast Official.

Thief Captured by a Girl. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.-Gus Griffin, an all-round thief a d burglar, is in jail as the result of the bravery of Miss Willet Robinson. Miss Robinson caught Griffin coming out of her mother's room in the Savoy Hotel. She seized the man and locked him in the clevator. Then she summoned as-sistance and the thief was locked up in the parlor while a policeman was summoned. Miss Robinson stood guard over the pris-oner until the officer came. The linest set of skeleton keys ever seen by the police were found on Griffin. The thief looks and talks gentlemanly and when he left Miss Robinson, in charge of an officer, he lifted his stik hat and bowed like a Chesterfield. de is thought to be an Eastern importation.

'SQUIRE OVERTON SOLD

THE CRAWFORDSVILLE MAN FAILS TO TURN UP DEFAULTER TAYLOR.

Was Given a "Steer" by a Commercial Traveler, and Is Now Missing Himself-Other State News.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26.-The \$2,000 reward for the capture of W. W. Taylor, defaulting State Treasurer of South Dakota, has not been secured by 'Squire John G. Overton, and his supposed find of the man turns out to be nonsense. Mr. Overton and City Marshal Grimes took the Monon train, yesterday afternoon, and went to Rensselaer, where the missing man was supposed to be in bed sick, at the house of Tom McCoy, a brother-in-law. Taylor was not there and had not been there. It was finally learned that Overton had been told by two drummers that a doctor of Lafayette had told them he was going to Rensselaer three times a week to see Taylor. This was all that Overton knew about the matter, and the only source of information. The Lafayette doctor had been going to Rensselaer to see Mrs. McCoy, who had been sick. Overton has not come back yet, and it is not known when he will venture to return and face those whom he told he would receive the \$2,000 reward.

Warden's Victim May Recover.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. . LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 26.-It is now thought that Warren Knowles, of Crawfordsville, Ind., who was shot in the lung last Sunday by Henry Warden, of this place, and who has since been lying at St. Joseph's Hospital, this city, at the point of death, will recover. Warden, while irunk shot Knowles without provocation, together with Riley Ellis, who also assaulted Knowles and have both been indicted for assault with intent to commit murder The feeling here is intense against Warder and Ellis and there were rumors of a lynching in the event of Knowies' death. The saloon keeper who sold Warden and Ellis whisky was indicted for violating the

Midwinter Commencement.

special to the Indianapolis Journal. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 26.-The midwinter commencement exercises of the High School were held last night at the opera house. The following are the names of the graduating class, with the subjects of their essays: Lilly May Crawford, "Novels and Novel Reading;" Alfred Nehf, "Society;" William Hanley, "Art and Religion;" Mabel Louise Butz, "Influence of Books;" Edith Phillips, "The Scroll of Fame;" Adalina Grothwold, "Books;" Guthred Drake, "National Greatness;" Elizabeth King, "Honor the Living;" Lulu Johnson, "Fads;" Mayme Cliver, "Nature and Art;" John Swartz, "Our Government;" Shelby Leason, "The Twentieth Century."

Failed to Hear the Train.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 26 .- J. Barney Wermes employed at the Kenneth quarries, while walking on the Panhandle tracks on his way to work, was struck by the Chinodation, about 7 o'clock thi morning, and died soon afterward. His ears were protected by a muffler, which pre-vented him from hearing the approaching train. Wermes had seen better days, and engaged several years ago in the retail grocery business in Cincinnati, but, hav-ing failed, was compelled to work as a non laborer to support his wife and

Tin-Plate Factory's Output. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ELWOOD, Ind., Jan. 26.-The American tin-plate factory this morning increased its capacity by adding 250 extra men and starting its new addition of four mills, thus increasing its output to 7,500 boxes of finished bright plates per week. The factory was started in 1892, and it now stands the largest plant in the United States. The plant at first only had five mills and employed three hundred hands. To-day nine mills are in operation and 750 men are at work. Another mill is being built, and when completed the output will be about 8,500 boxes per week.

Brewing Agent Lamb Shot. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. DUNKIRK, Ind., Jan. 26.-For some months past E. J. Lamb has been acting as wholesale agent for the Moerling Brewing Company, of Cincinnati, at this city. He disappeared Thursday and to-day his bondsman, Ford Wagner, began an inves-tigation and finds that it will cost him between \$500 and \$700 to square accounts. It will be a total loss to Wagner. All efforts to trace Lamb have so far been un-successful. The brewing company has noti-fled Wagner to settle.

Long Chase for a Stolen Purse.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26.-Yesterday afternoon Archie McAhl, a colored conchman in the employ of Dr. J. K. Stewart, of Fairland, went into the house where was Mrs. Stewart, and by pretending to have found a twenty-dollar gold piece induced her to get out her purse. He snatched it and ran, but after a chase of several hours was arrested in this city and the most of the money recovered. McAhl was sent to the penitentlary a few years ago for stealing a horse and buggy.

His Grave Is Guarded. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26.-S. A R. Beach, who died at Indianapolis last Monday, was buried at the Meharry graveyard, near Wingate. The relatives have placed a guard at the grave to prevent the body being stolen. It was feared that some of the Indianapolis medical colleges would secure the body, as Mr. Beach died from a cancerous affection of the vocal from a cancerous at chords, a rare case.

Bicycle Thief's Ruse. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26 .- Last night a stranger went into Stanton & Guthrie's place in this city to buy a bicycle. He

asked the privilege of trying it on the street and never returned. He took the road toward Indianapolis and was tracked most of the way. He was probably one of the gang of bicycle thieves who have been operating in this State for some time. Ex-County Clerk Still Missing. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 26 .- Nothing has yet been heard from Daniel W. Souder, the ex-county clerk who mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago. Searching parties have returned from Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and other cities where it is thought he might have gone, but no trace of him has been found. The case is attracting wide attention, and searching par-

ties are still hunting for him. Catholie K. of P.'s in a Quandary. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 26.-The Catholic members of the Knights of Pythias here have been discussing what action to

members excepting two, in this city, numbering thirteen, have agreed to sign a paper to stand by the lodge. Too Slippery for a Councilman. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26.-Millie Milleson, ex-city councilman, slipped and fell on the ice this morning and injured himself so severely that he may be crippled for life. He struck the base of the spinal column and suffered concussion.

Mrs. Malinda Tindall, an aged widow, fell in her dooryard and struck her head

Remains of the Dead Railroad Man. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. DUNKIRK, Ind., Jan. 26.-The body of John Conini, who was killed at Tarantum, Pa., in a railroad accident, arrived at this city for burial to-day. He leaves a widow eighteen years old and one child.

The Grape-Vine Swindle. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 28 .- A gang of swindlers is making money from the citizens and farmers of various localities on a new swindling scheme. It is the grape-vine game. The swindlers buy a quantity of

cheap grape roots, then purchase the large California grapes at a grocery. They rep-resent the roots to bear these kind of grapes and sell them for \$1 each. The swindlers are reported to have made between \$50 and \$60 a day.

Thinks He's "Old Anse." Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 26.-John F. Grace, who is supposed to be a brother of one of the Chicago police force, and who is confined in the insane department of the county jail, awaiting an examination for insanity, says he is Captain Anson, of the Chicago Baseball Club. Chief of Police Liggett is investigating the matter.

Death of Mrs. Elsie Pierce. Special to the Indianapolis Journal DUBLIN, Ind., Jan. 26.-Mrs. Elsie Pierce. after a long illness, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jenny Hood, last night. She and her husband, Alfred Pierce, were old residents of this place, Mr. Pierce helping to organize the first class meeting of the M. E. Church here. Her husband died

Vogg-Edmunds Wedding. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 25 .- Cards have been received here from Aurora, Ill., announcing the marriage of Mr. Arthur John Vogg and Miss Caroline Edmunds, which took place Jan. 23. Miss Edmunds is the daughter of Mr. Thomas H. Edmunds, of

A Linn Grove Quail Eater. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. DECATUR, Ind., Jan. 26.-A. J. Freck, of Linn Grove, this county, began to-day

on a thirty-day feast. He made a wager of \$75 that he could subsist on a quall and four apples a day for thirty days. He is to take no other nourishment during that First Jay County Treasurer Dead. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LAUREL, Ind., Jan. 26.-Henry Cuppy, aged eighty-one, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died here to-night. Deceased

first treasurer of Jay county and was highly connected. Indiana Deaths. ORLEANS, Ind., Jan. 26.—Josie L. Talbott, daughter of Past Grand Master Will H. Talbott, of the Old Fellows, died at the parental home at this place this morning, of influenza. She was taken sick on Christmas day. Interment Sunday at 2 o'clock in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 26.-George W

Cones, aged sixty-three, a retired grocery-man, died to-day at his home in this city. Indiana Notes. Richmond has granted a franchise to the Harrison Telephone Company. Charles Edwards was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary from Warsaw, yesterday, for rifling box cars on the Big

A KENTUCKY "ENCOUNTER."

Fight That Grew Out of an Attempt to Torture a Negro.

LEXINGTON, Jan. 26.-There is much excitement here, to-day over an encounter between J. Embrey Allen and Scot Van Meter, owing to reflections by Allen before the Circuit Court, in the trial of Floyd White for the murder of Herbert Tucker. Tucker was shot while returning from church. He was riding on horseback behind his mother's carriage, when some one fired from amriddling Tucker with buckshot. The next day tracks were found leading to Floyd White's cabin and evidence gathered to result in Floyd White's sentence for life, Scott Van Meter was a neighbor of Tucker. Martin, whom he believed knew more than Martin, whom he believed knew more than he was willing to tell, and threatened to bury him alive. He and several others had a trench dug and partially buried Martin. Attorney Allen, who defended Floyd White, spoke in the severest ferms of Van Meter's treatment of Martin, which almost resulted in trouble in court. Meeting him to-day Van Meter attacked Allen. Allen immediately struck him in the face: the two clinched and struck him in the face; the two clinched and fell in the struggle, and were separated after desperate fighting.

BARK LIKE DOGS.

Four Kentucky Children Who Are Alleged to Have Hydrophobia.

LOUISA, Ky., Jan. 26.-Andrew Cole and wife, of the western part of this county, brought to Louisa their four children, two of whom at least have hydrophobia. The eldest, a boy of fifteen, was bitten by a rabid dog in 1889, but showed no symptoms of this disease until two months ago, when he began to have "queer" spelis. They grew worse, more frequent and vio lent, until two we's ago, when he bit a younger brother. This boy is now in a terrible condition. The brothers bark, snarl and snap exactly like dogs. The other two children are girls and show symptoms of the same kind. The children will be sent to a Pasteur institute.

A POET'S ROMANCE.

How Mrs. Browning's "Sonnets" from the Portuguese Were Written.

In the new edition of Mrs. Browning's "Sonnets from the Portuguese," just imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, we find me romantic notes concerning the or.g.n of these beautiful sonnets. Eight years be fore his death Browning told the story to a friend with the understanding that some day it might be made public. "Ine time seems to have arrived," says Mr. Gosse, "when there can be no possible indiscretion in recording a very pretty episode of literary history. During the months of their brief courtship, closing, as all the world knows, in the clandestine flight and romantic marriage of Sept. 12, 1846, neither poet showed any verses to the other. Mr. Browning, in particular, had not the smallest notion that the circumstances of their betrothal had led Miss Barrett into any artistic expression of feeling. As little did he suspect it during their horeymoon in Paris or during their first crowded weeks in Italy. They settled at length in Pisa, and, being quitted by Mrs. Jamieson and her niece in a very calm and happy mood, the young couple took up each his or her separate work.
"Their custom was, Mr. Browning said,

what they had written. This was a rule which he sometimes broke through, but she never. He had the habit of working in a downstairs room, where their meals were spread, while Mrs. Browning studied in a room on the floor above. One day, early in 1847, their breakfast being over, Mrs. Browning went upstairs while her husband stood at the window watching street till the table should be cleared. was presently aware of some one behind him, although the servant was gone. It was Mrs. Browning, who held him by the shoulder to prevent his turning to look at her, and at the same time pushed a packet of papers into the pocket of his coat. She told him to read that and to tear it up if he did not like it; and then she fled again to her own room.

"Mr. Browning settled himself at the table and unfolded the parcel. It contained the series of sonnets which have now become so illustrious. As he read, his emotion and delight may be conceived. Before he had finished it was impossible for him to restrain himself, and, regardes of his promise, he rushed upstairs, a stormed that guarded chadel. He was early conscious that these were treasures not to be kept from the world; 'I dared not reserve to myself,' he said, 'the finest sonnets written in any language since Shakspeare's. But Mrs. Browning was very loath indeed to consent to the publication of what had been the very notes publication of what had been the very notes and chronicle of her betrothal. At length take in relation to the Pope's edict pro-hibiting Catholics from being members of secret orders. It is said all the Catholic had originally been sent in manuscript, to pass them through the press, although she absolutely declined to accede to Miss Mit-ford's suggestion that they should appear in one of the fashionable annuals of the day. Accordingly a small volume was printed en-titled 'Sonnets, by E. B. B. Reading not for publication, 1847,' an octavo of forty-seven

> When it was determined to publish the sonnets in the volumes of 1850, the question of a title arose. The name which was ultimately chosen, 'Sonnets from the Portu-guese,' was inverted by Mr. Browning as an ingenious device to veil the true author-ship, and yet to suggest kinship with that beautiful lyric called Caterina to Camoens. beautifu; lyric called 'Caterina to Camoens,' in which so similar a passion had been expressed. Long before he ever heard of these poems, Mr. Browning called his wife his 'own little Portuguese,' and so, when she proposed 'Sonnets Translated from the Bosnian,' he, catching at the happy thought of 'translated,' replied, 'No, not Bosinan—that means nothing—but from the Portuguese. They are Caterina's sonnets.' And so, in half a joke, half a conceit, the famous title was invented."

Bullet Holes in Their Heads. LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 26.-Walter P. Wright and his wife were found dead in bed to-day. There was a bullet hole in the head to-day. There was a bullet hole in the head of each, and a revolver lay on the bed be-

London Stage Gossip.

LONDON, Jan. 26 .- The sale of the library of the late Edmund Vates, founder of the London World, who died in May last, filled Sotheby's rooms early in the week. Most of the books sold formerly belonged to the late Charles Dickens, being the work of that author and bore his plate. A first edition of "Sketches by Boz" brought fil. A first edition of "Pickwick Papers" brought file: A "Nicholas Nickelby" went for fl, and a presentation copy of "A Tale of Two Cities" presented by Charles Dickens to Edmund Yates was bought for fil. The chief interest in the sale centered in a writing, "slope," upon which Charles Dickens wrote for many years. For this there were many bids from representatives of American collectors, but Mr. Bancroft, the actor, finally secured it for £105. A selection of thirty-four letters written by Charles Dickens to Edmund Yates sold for £86 the purchaser representing an American collector Miss Eweretta Lawrence will before long

produce at the Avenue Theater, a play by W. D. Howells, entitled "The Garrotters." Sir Augustus Harris is busy on the spectacle which is to fill Drury Lane a twelve months hence with his partomime "Cinderella." The present pantomime "Dick Whitington" is one of the best financial successes Sir Augustus Harris has had. It has been sold for American production to Messrs. Abbey and Grau and will be staged at the Metropolitan Opera House next autumn. This does not mean that all the company will go to the United States—many of the parts will be filled by American actors and actresses. Sir Augustus Harris will be over to bow his thanks after the exquisitely beautiful "Feast of lanterns."

George Alexander has accepted a comedy by Oscar Wilde, which is to succeed "Guy Domville," when it shall be decided to close the run of Henry James's somewhat unfortunate, though charming play. The memorial fund collected by the friends of the late Eugene Oudin amounts to \$8,500, though no direct appeal has been made to the public. This includes a subscription by Mr. Paderwski of \$600, who desired, in the note accompanying the draft, to make up a little for his regretted inability to assist at the concert next month. The promoters of this praiseworthy effort hope to raise \$15,000 or \$20,000 before closing the

fund.

The legal troubles in Paris between Coquelin and the Comedie Francais have begun in earnest. The boardings of the Renaissance Theater contained last week a placard announcing the forthcoming appearance of M. Coquelin in the company of Sarah Bernhardt. Thereupon Jules Claretie assumed the offensive and asked the courts for an injunction and 200,000 francs damages. The argument of the case will probably take place the end of next month.

The Gewandhaus, at Lelpsic, the most famous concert hall of the world, has this week been demolished to make way for a new and more ambitious structure. But the thousands of American music lovers who have listened to music in that famous room under Carl Reinecke or other conductors more commodious and more handsome though it be, can ever take the place of the one that is no more. The hall was cele-brated for its really marvellous acoustic properties, the largest orchestra, in Fortis imo passages, absolutely producing no jar Herr Engelbert Humperdinck has set to

work upon a magnum opus, which he will take two years to compose, and will take four nights in performance. Mason Carnes and Ethel Harraden's "The Taboo" proves to be a failure, the name itself having helped to kill. The libretto is weak, and the The "Lady Slavery" was withdrawn from the Avenue Theater yesterday evening, and May Yohe (Lady Francis Pope) is going to take a brief holiday before rehearsing a new Willie Educin is to re-open the Strand Theater on Wednesday next with "The Babes in New Frocks," practically a pot-pouri of many successful scenes.

PROSPECTIVE RAILWAY WAR.

Union Pacific Makes Demands Which Other Roads Will Not Agree To. CHICAGO, Jan. 26.-The Union Pacific has taken a stand that will cause the other Western roads no end of trouble, and it is possible that a hot fight will result between it and the lines in the Western Trunk line committee. When the agreement was formed, it was the understanding that the Union Pacific should make no demand for any of the Puget Sound business. This was agreed to by the Union Pacific and the rate sheets were made up on that basis. Now comes the Union Pacific and, without a word of warning, asks that it be given a portion of the Puget sound business; the other roads will have no option but to refuse the demand of the Union Pacific, as it was promised to the Northern Pacific when was promised to the Northern Pacific when should have the Puget Sound business. If the Union Pacific begins any demoralization of rates it will have on its hands about the biggest fight that any road in the country ever stood up against. The other Western lines declare that they are in no way responsible for any demoralization if it should come, and which is very likely to come, as the Union Pacific has intimated very plainly that if it gets no share of the very plainly that if it gets no share of the Puget Sound business it will take steps to prevent the advance in rates which the

other lines had agreed should take effect on Feb. 15. The advisory committee of the emigrant clearing house of the Western Trunk line committee again took up the question of excessive commissions paid by the Grand Trunk. It decided yesterday to let the thing alone, as all the commissions were being paid in territory in which they had no interest. The meeting of to-day resulted in nothing and it is not likely that the matter will come up again.

will come up again.

Steamship Rate War. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.-A traffic war is being waged between the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the Meyer-Ackman line, both owning steamers which ply between San Francisco and Puget sound ports. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has reduced its cabin fares to Victoria, Seattle and Tacoma to \$16, a cut of \$4, and its steerage rates were also reduced to \$2.50. The opposition line met this cut with a reduction of \$2, so that the rates are now \$14 and \$5.50 for first and second-class passage, respectively. A reduction in freight rates is the next move expected in this steemship fight which expected in this steamship fight, which will probably have an effect upon over-

Rates to Be Advanced. CHICAGO, Jan. 26 .- The freight officials of the transcontinental roads, who have been considering freight rates for the last two weeks, finally arrived at an agreement to-night. It was decided to alvance the rate from New York, Chicago and all Mis-sissippi river and all Missouri river points to California terminal points o 50 cents. This will apply only in cases where the rate was below 50 cents,

Alleged Cure for Consumption. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 26.-At a meeting Dr. Paul Paquin, a local practitioner, read an important paper outlining his experi-ments with horse blood serum for the cure of consumption. According to the Doctor his experiments showed that the serum may be rendered antagonistic to tuberculosis in the human system. A number of patients who had been treated by the Doctor were present at the meeting and were subjected to critical examination. Dr. Paquin read the clinical history of thirty cases all of whom had been cured or were greatly benefited.

An Indignant Pugilist. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—Charles Me Keever, of this city, was partially knocked out by Horace Leeds, of Atlantic City to-night at the winter circus. The men had fought three rounds and one and one-half minutes of the fourth, when McKeever, who had hed all the best of the "go" became just a trifle careless and received a right on the jaw, which floored him. He was up in a couple of seconds. Referee Fogarty stepped between the mer and Leeds was so indignant that he climbed through the ropes and left the stage.

RELICS OF DICKENS

she has already been accepted. At the navy yard the coal, stores and ammunition will be put aboard. With a reasonable degree of promptiness the Olympia ought to be ready for service in three weeks and, provided with her crew of officers and men in a month's time, she ought to be able to pass out of the Golden Gate completely equipped for whatever service may be required. The Olympia requires two hurdered and eighty men exclusive of the officers, and at the present time that number of drilled men are not to be had unless some other vessels are kept out of commissome other vessels are kept out of commission and their crews drafted.

JUDGE RICKS SPEAKS.

His View of the Action of the House Judiciary Committee.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 26.-Judge Ricks returned home to-day from New York. In an interview he said: "I was much gratified to find my desk covered with telegrams. Some of them were from judges whose opinions are such as to carry great weight, and therefore I regard them as all the more valuable. These telegrams I consider a vindication of my integrity and judicial conduct." The Judge said that so far as the charges affecting his judicial conduct were concerned, not a line of evidence was offered in support of the same. The whole question had turned on the matter of whether he had the right to charge for certain fees reported and accounted for to the government. He had established beyond all doubt by the testimony of special examiners of the Department of Justice and clerks of court throughout Ohio that such was the universal custom and practice. He and his counsel had been both assured by members of the judiciary committee that part of the resolution censuring the system he had followed was in no wise intended to be considered by the committee a reflection on him personally. It could not bear conduct were concerned, not a line of evition on him personally. It could not bear that construction because his action in these cases had not been exceptional but was clearly shown to have been in pursuance of the well-established custom and practice. The Judge expressed the opinion that if the case should be taken into the House some of his stanchest supporters in that body would be Democrats. He based

that body would be Democrats. He based this opinion on assurances he had received from them in Washington.

Hon. Virgil P. Cline Judge Ricks's attorney, has received a dispatch from Judge Hammond, of Memphis, saying that Judge Ricks had nothing to do with the order confirming his masters' report in the Birdsall cases, but that the order was made by him (Judge Hammond) alone. He said he had so telegraphed to the Speaker of the had so telegraphed to the Speaker of the House and to several members of the ju-diciary committee. This, it is said, dis-poses of another issue, and shows that Judge Ricks was right in his testimony before the committee. Judge Ricks regards the charges against him as virtually dis-posed of, and he said so to-day.

WOMAN STRANGLED.

Rebecca Land Found Dead in Her Employment Agency Office.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26.-The finding of the lead body of Rebecca Land in the McLean Building late resterday, the supposed cause of death being cancer, developed, to-day, into a sensation of the character similar to the Denver strangling case. Though the room in which the woman was found showed no evidence of a struggle, to-day's discoveries indicate murder. An autopsy on the body was completed this afternoon, and as a result it was announced that the woman was strangled to death. So far no clew to the murderer has been found, acted as her partner in an employment agency which she conducted in the office where she was found dead. Of the three husbands had by the woman one is dead. The whereabouts of the second is not known, while the third is in the city. The latter separated from his wife three years

COLUMBIAN MUSEUM ROBBED. Case of Old Egyptian Jewelry Valued

at \$5,000 Stolen. CHICAGO, Jan. 26.-The Field Columbian museum was robbed this afternoon of a case of old Egyptian jewelry valued at \$5,000. The robbery was committed at a time when the museum was filled with people, but there is not the slightest clue to the thieves. The iewelry is all of pure gold, was in a case six inches deep. This case was in a larger case, the lock of which was broken, and the smaller case was carried off entire.

BRITISHERS SURPRISED. They Evidently Expected to See American Horses in Full Dress. LONDON, Jan. 26 .- The horses belonging to Messrs. Croker and Dryer, of New York, started for Newmarket early this morning in freezing weather. The jockey club has granted a free license for the American horses to train on the heath. The fact that the Crocker and Dryer horses do not wear clothing of any kind, whether traveling much comment. It is stated that Jacob Pincus is to take up other quarters at New-market for Mr. August Belmont, whose horses are expected to arrive in England shortly. According to the Sportsman, other Americans will follow the example of Messrs, Croker, Dwyer and Belmont and the labor market of England, and especially that of Newmarket, will greatly benefit by

the result of this "sporting invasion. Stakes for 1895 Declared Off. CHICAGO, Jan. 26.-At a meeting of the executive committee of the Washington Park Club, held this evening, it was decided, formally, to declare off the stakes for 1895. These are the Derby, the Sheridan, the Queen Isabella, the Hyde Park, the Kenwood, the Lakeside and the Drexel. This definitely settles the fact that there will be no metting at Washington Park the coming season. There has been con-siderable discussion about this matter, in spite of the announcement made by the directors some time since, many thinking the board would reconsider its action before the time for declarations.

Cincinnati Baseball Club. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 26.-Manager Bancroft secured a lease of the Mobile, Ala., ball park, to-day, for the Cincinnati spring practice, from March 10 to April 1, playing with all National and Southern League clubs, St. Louis plays there March 24. The Cincinnati and Pittsburg clubs are locking horns over the transfer of players. ing to trade Gumbert and Weaver for Mer-ritt. Ewing accepted. Afterward it was announced Mack was trying to trade Gumbert to Brooklyn for Kinslow. Captain Ewing filed a protest.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The grand jury at Mount Sterling, Ky., has returned indictments against Dick For-man and James Roach for the murder of Tom Blair who was miched Jan. 1. Authorities of the Cotton Belt & Pacific railroad have offered a reward for the cap-ture of the robbers who held up and robbed an express on that road in Arkansas last Thursday night. They furnish descriptions of the two men whom they believe to be the guilty parties. Mary Arrico, three years old, and Con-

cettna Alito, about the same age, daughters of Italian laborers, were fatally burned, last night, in a Boston tenement house.

Mrs. Arrico, while trying to extinguish the At San Francisco, yesterday, Frank Lar-rabee, a Chicago electrician, who cut the throat of his fickle mistress, Effic King, last October, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. His sentence was fixed at life imprisonment. When taken back to his

Caught by Failing Walls. GREEN SPRINGS, O., Jan. 26.—Tais morning the Jaynes Block, on Center stree; a two-story brick, partly thished, was blown down by the heavy wind. The falling walls caught Elmer Zane and wife, who were passing along the street, burying both in the debris. They were quick taken out, Zane in a dying condition and Mrs. Zane probably fatally hurt. Zane lived but a short time, his skull being fracbesides his sustaining internal juries. His wife has concussion of the

cell he took poison but did not die.

Prosperity to Reign Again. NILES, O., Jan. 25.—The iron mills lo-cated at this place, which have been closed indignant that he climbed through the ropes and left the stage.

Cruiser Olympia to Be Put in Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The cruiser Olympia, the new United States war ship, was towed to Mare island to-day and formally delivered to the government, by whom

THE MADNESS OF SELF

EGOTISM A DISEASE FOR WHICH THE VICTIM DESERVES PITY.

Conceit a Symptom of Progressive, Paralytic Insanity-The Fin de Siecle Brand of Lunacy.

J. H. Gilmour, in San Francisco Chronicle. Some few weeks ago in a conversation with a Los Angeles physician who has, probably, one of the largest practices in the southern part of the State, I remarked apropos of an individual we were speaking about:

"His conceit is appalling. There is no topic on which he won't talk, and his ignorance is distressing, because to contradict would mean to quarrel, and it is hardly worth the while."

A humorous twinkle came into the doctor's eyes. "Ah, you have noticed it," he remarked.

"Noticed?" I replied, "who has not noticed his awful egotism?" "He can't help it," he quietly responded; "It is not his fault." "Not his fault. That's a pretty excuse for

a man who shovels ideas before you like unpaying sand-not a gleam of gold, silver or metal in it." "Do you know it is a disease-a distressing one, too?" continued the doctor, without heeding my angry interruption. "A dis-

ease which is not generally understood, but a disease nevertheless. Tuberculosis, you know, as I have before told you, is only faintly beginning to be understood. You can have tuberculosis of the knee, or any part of the body. The victim of this disease is to be pitied, not scorned."
"Well, when a man calmly tells you 'he has been so busy making history that he has had no time to record it,' with a Bis marckian suggestiveness of satisfaction, I

feel inclined to kick common sense into "It would be useless; it is a dise Whenever a man commences by saying 'No man is my equal in such and such a work;' thing; 'no man can begin to do it as well as I can;' I taught him all he knew;' 'without me he would be nothing;' 'he has been benefited by me in several ways,' it is simply the inception of the disease. Its awaul effects wan follow later. Depend upor it that the more egotistical a man gets the more advanced is he in this pecunar disease, and his people should be extremely careful of him. He should be watched, and if he has property those interested should take steps to protect themselves. That man is diseased mentally, and the disease will, sooner or later, declare itself."

"Pray give me the name of this interesting disease. Several of my friends must be possessed of it."
"It is known as progressive paralytic in-"Progressive paralytic insanity?" Exactly so. 'And has any man yet been declared

"Undoubtedly. There is an interesting lawsuit on now which I am watching; I will let you know the result. Do you wish to hear about it?" "Certainly, yes." A TEST CASE. I had, I believe, made some such state-

ments regarding my own prowess in certain lines of general usefulness and this lytic lunatic" fascinated me. I recognized at once that several of my warmest friends were progressive paralytic lunatics, but when it came home to me I had qualms of conscience-melancholy foreoodings. Did this doctor, with his clear, blue eyes, sphinx-like face, his calm, imper-turbed manner—this bookworm and great surgeon-look down into me and adjudge me a progressive paralytic lunatic? I tem porized with the doctor. 'Are the signs unfailing?"

Unfailing, he assured me. "Are there many progressive paralytic lunatics wandering about without keep-

"It is a hideous term-'progressive par-alytic insanity." I don't like its sound at all doctor." 'Suppose," he continued, "I said, 'I am the greatest surgeon alive. There is nocan perform an operation like my-Would that not be absurd? For however skillful I may be still you are morally certain there must be surgeons

cleverer than I am. Are you not?"

I determined to avoid being degmatic, not knowing whether assurance might not be one of the steps leading toward that terrifying edifice of progressive insanity. "Well, there was a wealthy man in the East who suddenly displayed this mania. It was harmless at first, laughed at, ignored and then became wearlsome. That egotism developed rapidly till it became ositively nauseating and alarmed his family. The wife, a most sensible woman, took the proper view of the case. She argued that no man in his senses would talk such foolishness. There was something wrong—radically wrong—with ner husband. She consulted two eminent physicians, who advised her that her husband would certainly within a few years lose his reason and in five years would die. They even timed his death and gave their country that he was a progress. it as their opinion that he was a progressive paralytic lunatic. They followed up their advice by telling her to have her husband insure his life in a large sum in her favor. The man passed the insurance examination and in five years he died. Then it leaked out that these doctors— eminent in their line—knew the man was dangerously sick, knew he would die. insurance people accused the physicians of fraud and intent to deceive and refused to pay the widow her money. It is a most interesting case and if it does come to law it will be watched carefuny. I am not yet certain whether proceedings have not yet certain whether proceedings have been commenced. In the case of your friend he is in identically the same position and his family should be apprised of the fact. la your duty."

"My duty?",

"I jumped back, alarmed at the proposition. Am I to face a whole infuriated family by telling them 'Your father is a progressive paralytic lunatic.' No, thank you; you may do it if you like, but I have an earnest and abiding desire to go down to my grave in peace, though I do live on the Colorado desert."

"You are often spoken of as a warm and "You are often spoken of as a warm and true friend." 'I am," I answered hastily, "but I don't intend to have my head broken or sacrifice my life on the altar of friendship."

"The world is supremely selfish," replied the doctor absently, and, opening a book, he became absorbed in its contents. It was Roman history—Cornelia fascinated the doctor

NOT ALTOGETHER FUNNY. Aside from the humorous aspects of the case-if there happens to be a humorous aspect to it-what hideous pictures does this disease conjure? It was evident that my friend was not joking. He is not given to jocularity, and what he said was

said in earnestness. We all know of that millionaire whose conceit was amusing to those who knew him. Carelessly he was called a liara phenomenal liar. Singular stories are current regarding him, the best known being the one in which he declared that he accidentally, with a billiard cue, poked out a sheep in a flock in a famous painting owned by him, and so skillfully painted the torn part that no one ever detected any sign of the accident. The stories that any sign of the accident. The stories that are now being circulated about his peculiar financial operations show that there must have been something of the progressive lunatic about hin Certain it is that egotism takes on a new garb. It can now be covered with the mantle of charity. Prior to this new disease the egotistical man was abhorred and, possible, shunned. "He would be tolerable were he not so infernally conceited," would all exclaim. "Now it will be. 'Poor chap, he is in a bad

way; he is a progressive paralytic luna-Some occupations must provoke the dis ease. Take actors as a class; each of them has an inordinate amount of conceit stowed away somewhere, and musicians, likewise. All artists are more or less insane. Generally they are agreeable company until their professions are spoken about. Then there is, indeed, a turmoil of agitation. I quote, then, from the "Rugairgat:"

"Heav'n but the vision of fulfill'd desire And hell the shadow of a soul on fire." This disease, too, is widespread; it runs through entire families. Who in Sar through entire families. Who in San Francisco does not know that amiable famility whose conceit has become a by-word? One of them said to me in his artless way: "As for me, I am the Napoleon of finance in the United States, and my brother is the Demosthenes of America." Only he said Demos-the-nes.

I met Mr. Demosthenes shortly afterward and he graciously invited me to his quarters to hear a speech he intended delivering in Petaluma or San Jose-I forgot which

of the progressive cities. He read on and I slumbered. I was awakened by a pause.
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"how naive and pretty that sounds. Oh, how modest I am. 'My humble talents.'
Ah," he continued, "it is these little touches of modesty I throw in these great speeches that arouse the world. Ah, I should have been born in London. This world is too small for me." and I left Mr. Demosthenes gazing fondly at his manuscript with the same hungry, feverish look a dying tubercular bestows upon her baby of whose sweet companionship she is so soon to be deprived.

Instances could be multiplied of such refreshing egotism. There is an excuse for a man who lives a solitary life. There is no conflict of opinion, or if he happens to be the only educated one among a horde of savages there is then some ground for being self-opinionated. The only happy week of my life was that spent in the Shevaroy hills—a malignant, feverish, tiger-infested region, with naked people. These simple creatures had never before seen a horse. They fall flat on their faces in abject terror of one, and when I opened a bottle of soda water and the cork went off with a snap they assured themselves that the Deity stood before them drinking thunder. But that was in wild country. A long stay among them might have seriously inoculated me with the bellef of my general superiority to mankind. My return to civilization made me feel like a volunteer officer before a regular army return to civilization made me feel like a volunteer officer before a regular army officer. But what excuse—except what the doctor proffers—for a man to have so inordinately great an opinion of himself when he mingles with his fellow-men?

Of all men a banker should be the coolest and longest-headed. The ideal banker must be as the one described by Zola in that wonderful book, "Money." He comes in contact with all classes of men. He deals in large affairs in which, to a certain extent, his own—his very own—must be small. Imagine, then, a banker writing to a railroad official in this wise:

"Sir—I understand you are to run a train to P. over the track now used as your main fficer. But what excuseto P. over the track now used as your main track, thereby increasing travel over your single track. Now, I warn you that should there be an accident I will hold the com-

pany responsible. I have already changed my will, inserting that clause, and have also warned the insurance people. My estate will certainly sue you for \$1,000,000 if I am killed in an accident on that track, for you will be culpably negligent in not putting down a double track after I have warned you."

What is this but progressive paralytic insanity? It is the new fin-de-siecle disease, and though humanity has little to be thankful for, still let us be thankful for be thankful for, still let us be thankful for this much—women have not as yet devel-oped symptoms of the complaint; it is con-fined solely to men. But who knows what the twentlets

the twentieth century will bring forth? CARD MAGIC.

Remarkable Exhibition that Closely Approached the Supernatural.

Philadelphia Times. What was regarded by experts as the most marvelous exhibition of card magic ever seen in Philadelphia was given last evening at the Hamilton Whist Club by Thomas B. Arnold, of Cincinnati. Mr. Arnoid is a well-known Cincinnati business man being a member of the noid is a well-known Cincinnati business man, being a member of the wholesale shoe firm of Alter, Julian & Co. He is not a professional magician, but his tricks have mystified such men trained in magic as Kellar and Herrmann. He has refused fabulous sums which have been offered him to go before the public as a professional, preferring a quiet, domestic life to any notoriety he might gain as a magician.

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Mr. Arnold opened the eyes of his witnesses by what he calls a very simple trick. Two new packs of cards belonging to the club were produced. He had never seen them before. Shuffling one deck he held it out to one of the gentlemen present, saying. "Select a card from this pack and then return it, keeping the card in your mind. I will turn my back to you as you make your selection. One of the other gentlemen will take the second pack and throw it on the floor. The only card that throw it on the floor. The only card that will fall face upward will be the card selected by you. I will not touch either one of the decks." The card was selected and the gentleman threw the second pack on the floor, the nine of diamonds being the only card that fell face upwards. "That," exclaimed Mr.

Arnold, "is the card you selected."

A cheer greeted the announcement that A cheer greeted the announcement that that was correct.

"Now, here is a good one," said the entertainer. Pointing to Charles Yarnall he continued: "Will you kindly select a card in your mind? Do not mention its name."

When the selection was made he picked up a pack, shuffled it carelessly, and, walking over to the wall, threw the cards at a picture. They fell in a shower to the floor.

"Turn the back of the picture outward," said Mr. Arnold. When this was done a card was seen sticking in a crack in the back of the frame. It was the jack of pades. "That, sir, is the card you had in mind." Mr. Yarnall acknowledged that it was and the crowd was convulsed. Again a member of the company was asked to take a card in his mind. Four others were asked to take cards at random from the pack and remember the numerical value of the card. The spectator who drew the first card was told to write the number on a sheet of paper. The second man wrote the number of his card in a separate corner, the third man placed his number under the second one and added the two together, affixing the result to the first number. The

fourth man affixed the number of his card
to the other two numbers. The result "Now," said Mr. Arnold, "will two gen-lemen accompany me to the library, each of them holding one of my hands. A third can come along to see fair play."

They returned bringing a book. "Turn to page 374," ordered the entertainer. The book was opened at the page indicated and a card was found. It was the deuce of spades. "That is your card," said Mr. Arnold to the gentleman he had asked to make a selection.

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The statement was correct.
The most remarkable trick of all was the last. Captain Walton, president of the American Whist Players' League, was ask-American whist Players League, was asked to draw a card from the pack, replacing it and keeping the card in his mind. Mr. Arnold took an egg, selecting one at random from a half dozen, and broke it into a tumbler. He showed first that neither the shell nor the inner skin of the egg had been broken. No card was concealed up his sleeve or anywhere about his person. When the egg was broken a card was seen in the tumbler, crumpled up and covered with

the egg was broken a card was seen in the tumbier, crumpled up and covered with the yolk of the egg.

Drawing it out Mr. Arnold asked: "What card did you draw, Captain Walton?"

"The queen of clubs."

"There it is." The pack was searched and that particular card found missing. Although an expert on cards, Mr. Arnold never played a game for a stake in his life. "I could make a fortune as a gambler," said he, "for I can deal a man any hand I choose, but I wouldn't dare to play out in our Western country for I would be chot sure as fate. I don't know what be shot sure as fate. I don't know what it is that enables me to do these tricks. I studied them all out myself, but I can't explain how or why I do them."

Dunn's Grip Chart. Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Mr. E. B. Dunn, of the New York United States Weather Bureau, has published a study on the relation between the death ratio and the weather. It is illustrated by ratio and the weather. It is illustrated by diagrams showing these during the prevalence of the grip in epidemic form four years ago. From these graphic representations the relation can be plainly seen, and the rule established that fatality is greatest when a cold day follows a warm, moist one. Those suffering from an incipient attack of the grip should be most cautious of the cold, humid days that immediately follow the warm, damp ones. The great utility of such work as that by Mr. Dunn leads to the hope of more being done in that line. Not only deaths themselves, by disease in general, should be so treated as Mr. Dunn has in the case of the grip epidemic. There is no question but that the various bureaus of health should strive by such investigation to make medical science more determinate or exact. The blind groping of empiricism should give way to the steady, confident tread of knowledge.

Chicago Record. The Courteous Attendant (at the theater) -Yes, madam, this is the place to check your large hat. The Lady (to her escort)—Well, let's go to our seats. The Courteous Attendant (politely)—Not yet, madam; kindly pass on to the next window and check your big sleeves.

Grammar and Veracity.

"Tommy, you shouldn't say 'I don't want no more ple!" said Tommy's mother, as she beamed on him for obeying previous orders to refuse ple so ther'd be enough to go around for the company.

"There!" shouted Tommy, joyously, as he passed up his plate, "I knew you wouldn't let me tell a lie before the minister!"

Bad Blunder.

Tom is very punctilious, and in this case was especially anx ous about producing a good impression. But the florist made the mistake of sending with the roses the card that bore the inscription: "Do the best you can for \$2."

Earthquake in Montana. HELENA. Mont., Jan. 28.—An earthquake occurred here about 5 o'clock this morning. Houses shook, windows rattled and small articles were shaken off shelves and side-